FISCAL NOTE SB 2723 - HB 2807

March 14, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the State Board of Education to provide a specialized curriculum for alternative schools and establishes an advisory council for alternative education composed of a maximum of 10 members. The members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses. The council shall submit an annual report prior to February 1st of each year on the state of alternative education in Tennessee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$11,000/Advisory Council Meetings \$45,000 One-Time/Dept. of Education

Assumptions:

- Any cost to the State Board of Education (SBE) to promulgate rules for the specialized curriculum for alternative education is estimated to be not significant and can be carried out with existing staff resources.
- The 10 member advisory council would meet at least four times each year.
- A cost of approximately \$270 per day for each member of the council for travel expenses (\$270 x 10 members x 4 meetings = \$10,800).
- The Department of Education would be required to develop such specialized curriculum and would need approximately \$45,000 to contract out for such services.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director